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[COMMUNICATED.]

Editor *British Colonist*—

Sir:—A communication appearing in last Thursday's
Gazette signed A. K., respecting the merits of Victoria,
 Esquimalt, New Langley and Queenborough, the writer
 of the communication alluded to, encourages his readers
 in the last clause but one to "form their own opinion and
 govern themselves accordingly."

Following this good advice—being a somewhat inter-
 ested party—allow me, Mr. Editor, through the medium of
 your columns, to express my opinion, which doubtless
 will, in some points, agree with A. K., and in some few,
 widely differ.

Evidently, A. K., whose hopes are concentrated in the
 future greatness of Victoria, can not with the eyes of
 Argus, look beyond a certain radius when interest limits
 the extent.

Ist. I will offer to the candid reader a few observations,
 and request like my co-correspondent, their calm delibera-
 tion. What is it that creates a town at Victoria? surely
 not a port that can boast only 11 or 12 feet at the entrance
 during low water, and whose channels are so narrow and
 intricate that the least deviation places the vessel upon
 sunken rocks, or where a vessel of 300 tons has not room
 to swing with 30 fathoms of chain. And even for the sake
 of argument admitting that the port of Victoria is capable
 of improvement, (which I very much doubt) where are
 you going to raise half a million sterling for that object?

The town appears large, but when expended, the harbor
 would not then possess the same facilities that Esqui-
 malt does, without a shilling outlay, consequently we
 must come to the conclusion, that it is not the port.—
 Neither can it be the immense prairies in the back coun-
 try, when you might—if they existed—boast a large agri-
 cultural population sufficient to support a town of
 equal significance to the present one. As regards the
 natural plateau of the present site of Victoria, I am of
 opinion that situations possessing more advantages could
 have been selected, and among the many I may mention
 one, that is undeniable—on the isthmus between the two
 harbors had the Government promoted the settlement of
 a town instead of where it is, every house and every
 family could have had their well of pure water at their
 door instead of paying two bits a bucket—a necessity to
 be deplored—as the clay soil on which the town is built,
 lays on a bed of rock, the thickness or extent of which no
 man has yet had courage to explore. What appears
 more singular is that the company holding the land under
 the denomination of Puget Sound Company should
 object to devote a site possessing the advantages alluded
 to, as the pecuniary value of the land would belong to
 the same proprietors, and whose orders are synonymous
 —probably the fur-trade branch of the Hudson Bay Com-
 pany to whom nearly all our government officials belong
 would not have derived any benefit in their yearly di-
 visions from the Puget Sound Co's land, and conse-
 quently the Imperial interests are made to suffer for the
 advancement of a few individuals who are only, by the
 force of fortune, in a place of trust and power. To the
 former question—what is it that creates a town at the
 Southern apex of Vancouver Island, what are its inter-
 ests and its manifold destiny, I can answer in one word—
Maritime. Improve your harbor of Victoria; spend
 your millions of dollars in blowing up sunken rocks,
 dredging sand spits and mud flats, after raising a revenue
 by the philanthropic encouragement of the liquor (not
 the Maine) law by which means, for every one who takes
 a license, you add £120 to your fund—a wonderful re-
 source for such a wonderful undertaking. By this means
 you will be able to build your railway—and what then?

2dly. Esquimalt requires little comment. Its position
 and its capacity are now too well known; and it really
 does offer to the commercial world all the advantages re-
 quired for an entrepot for the supply of British Colum-
 bia, the only moving power on this Island to create a town
 at all, and the more important British Columbia is, in a
 like ratio will Esquimalt be. The more ports of entry we
 have on the coast—and it is reasonable to expect ere long
 more than one—so will the harbor of Esquimalt rise as
 an entrepot, the grand object of a town in this portion
 of the Island of Vancouver, for there are no resources at
 present developed without British Columbia to support
 one even of its present size.

3d. New Langley—Where in the annals of history can
 we find it once recorded that the seat of government of
 one power should be built on the bank of a river adjacent
 to and only a few miles from the boundary of a foreign
 power. Without attempting to comment upon the
 strategical policy of removing the site for the seat of gov-
 ernment, what has New Langley to recommend itself as
 a commercial town so much in priority to Queen-
 borough? I will not be so bitter as to quote what I have
 heard, wishing it to be understood as the fact, but prob-
 ably it will do no harm to mention it, let two interests
 diametrically opposed in themselves by a singular com-
 bination appear to pull on the same rope. The Hudson
 Bay Company having a large land claim near New Lang-
 ley do not object to see its progress or to assist in the
 town's formation, and the American population, no
 doubt, are desirous that the town should be built on that
 side, thereby increasing the value of land to a consid-
 erable degree on the boundary and to open up as a conse-
 quence large avenues for smuggling all contraband arti-
 cles. The site itself is miserable, half swamp and bog,
 and for a considerable time most of it is under water.
 The bank that is so much talked of as offering natural fa-
 cilities for wharves &c., may be very correct, but it is not
 a bank and a few wharves alone that will afford sufficient
 room for what we may expect to see in much less time than
 25 years, the seat of government of an English colony of a
 country that has hitherto been backward and its re-
 sources unknown—and only now budding into existence.

4th. Queenborough. When once facts, established,
 weighty, and of sufficient importance, are known in
 Great Britain and other of Her Majesty's dominions, to
 the English capitalists to come to this portion of the
 world, the preponderating effect of British money and
 British pluck will forever set at rest all party quibbling.

In the mean time, the best advice that can be given is
 that each goes his own road, and prosper who can, I
 myself have never had two opinions.

Before concluding I may say, I should be glad to see
 what reasons A. K. can give that merchants prefer hav-
 ing cargoes—that may be according to his own idea—
 discharge in Esquimalt, sent to Victoria by rail or water
 —at least \$2 00 per ton extra expense—to be reshipped
 for British Columbia.

There is one point of much importance that the cor-
 respondent of the *Gazette* and myself cordially agree
 upon; that is the navigation of the waters between
 British Columbia and Vancouver Island for vessels of
 large tonnage. To the uninitiated the difficulties do not
 appear so monstrous; but strong tide rips, little or no
 wind, rock bound shores, anchorages few and far be-
 tween, are not pleasant associates on a dark night for the
 responsible party of a valuation ship and cargo. The
 entrance to Fraser river is over a sand bar between 5 and
 6 miles long, its channel extremely narrow—in some
 places not more than 11 feet deep at low water, with a
 certainty that the sands are shifting, and it is probable
 that the next freshet in the river will cause a great altera-
 tion in the channel of the sands, which sometimes hap-
 pen for the best, and sometimes for the worst—chances
 that must be run. ENGLISHMAN.

ATLANTIC AND EUROPEAN NEWS.

By the steamer *Brother Johnathan* we
 have San Francisco papers to the 20th
 inst., containing intelligence from the
 Atlantic States to the 28th March, and
 from Europe to the 9th. There is no
 news of startling importance. We ex-
 tract such items as our limited space will
 permit.

PIKE'S PEAK.

The rush to these new gold regions
 still continues, but the accounts are so
 conflicting that it is impossible to form
 a correct opinion as to whether there
 is or is not enough gold there to pay for
 working. It is said a large portion of
 the emigration will push on to Califor-
 nia in case the mines prove a failure.

SECRET FILIBUSTERING EXPEDITION.

The New York *Courier des Etats Unis*
 says that a secret filibustering expedi-
 tion against Cuba is organising in that
 city, and is ready to start as soon as in-
 structions are received from Havana.

BRITISH MAN OF WAR WRECKED.

Advices from Cuba by the Havana
 steamer at Savannah, report that the Brit-
 ish man of war *Jasseur* (?) was wrecked
 off the Island of Jamaica on the night
 of 4th of March. The officers and crew
 took to boats, and ten of their number
 were swept overboard from the boat.
 The boat containing the commander of
 the ship, and nineteen men had arrived
 on the coast of Cuba. The other boat
 containing thirty men, had not yet been
 heard from.

THE ARIZONA EXPEDITION.

Assurances have been given that the
 Arizona emigration scheme is not con-
 nected at all with Walker's Nicaragua
 expedition. A company of emigrants is
 being formed at Washington.

NEW FRENCH MINISTER TO MEXICO.

A private letter from Paris received at
 Washington says that M. Levasseur, who
 has been appointed by the government
 as Minister to Mexico, will stop on his
 way to negotiate a treaty with Nicaragua.
 His visit to Nicaragua is ostensibly rep-
 resented as being connected with the
 Belly Canal Company's project, but it is
 thought the real object of his visit is to
 negotiate a treaty, securing to French
 citizens the right to employ Asiatic and
 African apprentices in working the mines
 and cultivating the soil of the country.

IRELAND.

The preparations for the prosecution
 of the parties arrested in Kerry and Cork,
 for complicity in illegal associations,
 are in a state of completion.

The weather was fine and field labor
 progressing under favorable circumstan-
 ces.

FRANCE.

The *Moniteur* of March 4th says that
 the statement in the *Constitutionnel* an-
 nouncing the evacuation of Rome by the
 French troops, is at least premature.

The *Moniteur* also denies the state-
 ment of the Paris correspondent of the
Times, of angry conversation respecting
 Italy between Prince Napoleon and
 Count Persigny.

The Paris correspondent of the *Herald*
 states that the tone of the French gov-
 ernment papers becomes more warlike
 every day. The absence of war enthu-
 siasm, however, in the army is lamented,
 and causes unfeigned surprise in the
 Imperial circle.

The *Moniteur* of the 5th March says:
 The serious condition of Italian affairs
 has attracted the attention of the Em-
 peror, whose endeavors are to conclude an
 alliance in furtherance of the interests of
 France. The Emperor has promised
 the King of Sardinia to protect him
 against any aggressive acts of Austria,
 but his promise extends no further. He
 denies that France is now making war-
 like preparations. She has not exceeded
 the effective force she is accustomed to
 maintain during peace.

The activity which lately prevailed at
 Marseilles had relaxed a little, as if either
 enough had been done in the way of
 preparation for war, or proceedings
 were suspended until something was
 known of a pacification.

AUSTRIA.

The views of the Emperor had become
 determinedly warlike, and he was em-
 bittered against France.

The Cabinet had agreed to maintain
 150,000 men in Lombardy and create
 fortifications in all directions.

The Austrian dispatch, addressed to the
 representatives of Austria at the differ-
 ent courts of Germany, states that
 war is considered in the Cabinet as the
 possible consequence of the intention of
 Austria to defend against every attack
 her rights in Italy.

The latest Vienna journals had assumed
 a more warlike tone.

SARDINIA.

Letters from Placencia announce that
 the number of Austrian troops in that
 place was increasing daily. Almost 12-
 000 men had been placed on war footing
 since the first of March.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The political news from the continent,
 by this arrival, is, in the main, of a more
 pacific tenor, and goes to show that
 strong hopes were entertained of a peace-
 ful arrangement of the present difficul-
 ties between France, Sardinia and Aus-
 tria.

From Bohemia and Moravia towards
 Italy, the railroads are monopolized by
 Austrian soldiers, who were on furlough
 and were returning to their regiments.

Count Walewski and M. Fould favored
 the policy of peace at any price.

The reasons which have induced the
 Emperor to relinquish his intention of
 withdrawing his troops from Algiers,
 the *Moniteur* says, is not known. His
 resolution was very suddenly taken.

The British Government has again an-
 nounced its intention to refuse exclusive
 privileges to the new Atlantic Subma-
 rine Telegraph Company.

Numerous public meetings have taken
 place for the purpose of expressing op-
 position to the new Ministerial Reform
 bill.

Now, until such times as the contracted and willfully obstructive policy of the government shall pass away (which God send may soon be,) and roads shall be built, and facilities provided for reaching and working the five and eight dollar diggings of the upper Fraser, let our people, instead of grumbling, turn the attention to developing the more immediately available gold-bearing districts on Vancouver and Queen Charlotte's Islands.) It is undisputed that gold exists in remunerative quantities at Pachena, San Juan harbor, at Nimkish river, Fort Rupert, and at Port Kuper, Queen Charlotte's Island. The Quincho Indians have this week brought from Fort Rupert, specimens of coarse gold worth \$17 an ounce found near there. Mr. Miner, of this place, went with Dr. Miller's company of twenty-seven persons from Puget sound in September 1855, to Port Kuper, and traded off \$2,700 worth of goods for \$12,000 in coarse gold. For one plug of tobacco he received a lump worth \$40. He informs us that his party did not attempt to prospect the country. They intended to return in the Spring, but various causes intervened to prevent the company reorganizing. At present, however, he is willing to join an expedition, being well satisfied that it would prove successful, and that the country is rich in gold. While there he penetrated the interior about seven miles. The country was open,—little or no underbrush,—and wooded with scrub-oak. The soil was a deep red with quartz scattered through it, which are good indications of gold. Had we space to enlarge on the subject we could add proof to proof of the richness and extent of these long known but yet unworked gold-fields.

Steamer Gov. Douglas, from Fort Hope, with Ballou's Express, bringing from 4 to 5000 thousand dollars in gold dust, and twelve passengers arrived on Thursday evening in 16 hours.

Steamer Beaver arrived a little later with 25 passengers. Reports from the upper Fraser rather discouraging.

She brought down 12,000 dollars and 40 passengers.

P. S. Capin, of Fort Yale, and five others are reported drowned in the Kauyon a few days since.

The number of miners on Thompson's river were estimated at thirty-five. Forty miles above the Forks and three miles above Nicolas river they are making 10 dollars per day in coarse gold, and 25 miles higher up were doing better.

At Foster's Bar, Fraser river, the average was six and seven dollars.

There are some twenty trading posts at Lytton city. Provisions were cheaper than they were owing to miners turning downwards and those trading in boats selling out. Flour 20, bacon 40 cts. Hill's Bar is still paying well, and the mines below Yale are again filling up, and doing well.

Four Haidah Indians, on Thursday afternoon, came to the house of Mr. Oxner, Colquitz Farm, and after agreeing to work for him, one left, when the rest said they preferred to go with tile-kum. Fearing that they would attempt to steal sheep, Mr. Oxner then went out to look after his flock, and found one missing. On his return toward home, he saw the Indians throwing out clothes and blankets, but as soon as they saw him they picked them up and made for the woods. He then, with a six shooter, made for a point in the woods which they would have to pass. When they got there, he snapped his pistol at them six times; but failing to shoot them, they started for the woods again, and he then made for another point and lay down till they came up, when he seized and brought them to his house. On calling his gardner Phillip to assist him to lock them up, they started to run away. He threatened to shoot them if they did, but they broke away, one saying: 'Klonas hiyou cluck mika musket.' (I think your musket very wet.). One was caught, however, and locked up in a room; but subsequently escaped through the window. Mr. Pemberton has issued a warrant for their arrest.

CHILD BURNT TO DEATH.—At Poind Robert, on Thursday 17th April, the second son of Mr. Alexander McLane, aged six years, was burnt so as to cause death within three days. It appears that his mother left the house for a few moments and during her absence the deceased, whilst playing with his brother, turned his back to the fire, when his clothes accidentally caught fire. On his brother discovering the fire and telling him of it, he immediately ran out doors to his mother, who extinguished it with her dress; but not before the fire had effectually done its melancholy work.

AMENDED LICENSE LAW.—This bill passed the Assembly a considerable time ago, but has not yet been laid before the Council, why we cannot say, except certain private individuals persist in trying to postpone it in order, if possible to defeat it.

INDIAN VESPERS. — A few evenings ago, on the edge of the shore, at the west end of Victoria Bridge, the singular spectacle was seen of twenty odd Lummi Indians, chiefly males, engaged in prayer. Kneeling in the form of a crescent, around a large fire, bareheaded with faces upturned they; chanted aloud a prayer in their own tongue,—then sat down for a minute or so for meditation,—then sang a hymn,—and afterward kneeled and chanted a prayer, which concluded their devotions. The services were conducted by an Indian—in the centre of the group—who had been instructed by a Catholic Missionary. Quite a number of persons witnessed with pleasure the devout and earnest manner with which they worshipped their Great Father.

A SAILOR'S FUNERAL.—It is seldom we are called upon, in this Island, to notice the solemnity of a sailor's funeral procession, such as was called forth on Thursday, by the burial of Mr. John Jeffries, Paymaster of Her Majesty's Ship "Pylades."

With all the "pomp and circumstance of war, the coffin was brought to the H. B. Company's wharf, accompanied by several barges fully manned, where it was met by the Marines, who had marched from Esquimaux. It was then conveyed on a gun-carriage, to the church, from thence, after the impressive burial service was read, consigned to the grave.

The Pall, "the Union Jack" was borne by four officers in full uniform; the train attendant was the tars of "Old England," and the Captains of the "Pylades" and "Tribune." The usual naval salute on such occasions was fired when the coffin was lowered.

WE this week had the pleasure of a trip to Queenborough, Langley and back, on board the steamer Eliza Anderson. The weather being fine and a good breeze assisting our staunch-built ship, we made the passage to Queenborough in eight hours. Discharging our freight and passengers in a few minutes—for Capt. Wells keeps the "pot boiling"—we steamed up the capacious Fraser to Langley in about two hours. On Wednesday we returned in about 11 hours, including stoppages. For a trip to Fraser, commend us to the Eliza Anderson for safety and comfort.

BEING willing to give all sides a hearing on questions of general interest to the community, we publish the communication of an "Englishman" on our first page this week. As to the merits of the matter in controversy we are willing to let time determine, as it surely will do. The interests of the whole country together are ours.

Steamer Constitution arrived yesterday from Puget Sound, with several passengers and forty head of cattle. The Puget Sound Herald says: Hon. C. S. Mason has been re-appointed Secretary of the Territory for four years ensuing."

The Pioneer Democrat says, \$100,000 has been appropriated by Congress for the construction of a military or wagon road from St. Pauls Minnesota, to Seattle, Washington Territory ; and \$149,000 to continue the north west boundary survey.

JAMES' BAY BRIDGE.—The projected bridge across James' Bay is 800 feet long without approaches, and will cost £6000. When completed \$8000 will be spent for what we could well afford to do without at present,—and have the use of the funds for more necessary improvements. But as the colonial offices are all to be moved out of town to improve the value of somebody's town lots, the Colony must be bled to build this bridge to reach them. Common justice to those who own property above Victoria Bridge should have induced the government long ago to put a draw in that bridge; but for this no consent, nor no funds could be obtained. Now, without the consent of the Legislature, thousands of dollars are to be laid out unnecessarily, and navigable waters obstructed, merely because it brings a grist to the mill of a prominent member of government. Such barefaced proceedings were never equalled in California.

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Victoria 29th April, 1859.

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TWICE A WEEK.

TUESDAY AND FRIDAY.

 THE STEAMER ELIZA ANDERSON, Capt. Wm. B. Wells, Master, will leave Victoria, Vancouver Island, for Queenborough and Langley, on Fraser River, every TUESDAY and FRIDAY MORNING, at 5 o'clock.

No Freight will be received after the evening previous to the day of departure.

Rate of Freight, - - - - -	\$12 per ton.
" " Passage, - - - - -	10—Cabin.
" " " - - - - -	8—Deck.

Meals Extra.
For further information, apply to the Captain on
board, at Myers' Wharf.
Victoria, April 1st, 1859. a23tf

PAPERS LOST.

ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, between 7 and 9 o'clock, a BILL OF SALE and TRANSFER of a House and twenty acres of Land. The papers are supposed to have been lost between Yates and Government streets. For further particulars, and reward, apply at this office

QUARTER SESSIONS.—The adjourned Sessions was held on Tuesday the 26th, and after considerable delay a jury was empanelled to try the case of Kemmely for highway robbery. The Crown who prosecuted, failed for want of evidence—the witnesses, as in a former case, not appearing. Mr. Wight who was for the defence, took advantage of the technicalities of the law, and the prisoner was discharged.

The Crown Solicitor, Mr. Pearkes, defended himself against our comments of last week, relative to the absence of jurors and witnesses, by stating that he had issued the precepts for the jury in due form, but it could not be expected of him to retain or hunt up the witnesses. The Sheriff and his deputy appeared to be alarmed when Mr. Justice Langford proposed to inflict the penalty for not having provided a jury.

We are again indebted to Freeman and Co.'s Express for the first delivery of papers by the Brother Jonathan. Wells Fargo and Co., also supplied our table with files of exchanges, but Freeman and Co. were a little ahead.

REID STREET.—A new street fifteen feet wide running through the property of J. Yates, Esq. and Capt. Reid, between View and Yates street has been opened.

There are only ten persons now left on Point Roberts, eight in the upper and two in the lower town.

We would call the attention of merchants and others, who make remittances to San Francisco, to Freeman and Co.'s advertisement and also to that of MacDonald and Co., Yates street. The former are reducing the rates of freight and insurance, and the latter their rates of exchange on Tallant and Wilde, to one half the price charged last winter. "A word to the wise etc."

MEXICO.—No very definite intelligence from this distracted country has been received. Every thing is in a state of anarchy and confusion. At last, advises the cities of Mexico and Guadalupe had both been declared in a state of seige. The reason for declaring the capital in a state of seige is believed to be the threatening approach of Degollado, who is said to be at the head of an army of 4000 men.

Active measures were still being taken to dispute the passage of Miramon to Vera Cruz, against which city he was, at last accounts, marching with an army of 15,000 men; but his expedition it is believed will prove successful.

MESSRS. WIGHT AND COPLAND,
REAL ESTATE AGENTS
AND CONVEYANCERS,
BEG TO INFORM THE PUBLIC THAT THEY sell either by Public Auction or Private Contract Real Estate either in Victoria, Vancouver's Island or British Columbia, and for that purpose have an office on Yates street, where those who wish to entrust them with their sales can exhibit their plans.
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D. G. F. MACDONALD, C. E., Surveyor to the Estate Agency. ap9

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

THE TEMPORARY OFFICE of the Lands and Works Department for British Columbia is removed to Yates street, opposite to Messrs. Wells, Fargo and Co.'s, where all communications are to be addressed, and personal enquiries made, instead of as heretofore at the Lieut. Governor's residence.
By order of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for British Columbia.
April 14, 1859.—3t.

A CARD.

D. G. F. MACDONALD, C. E., begs to intimate that he is about to proceed to Queenborough on the Government Survey, and that Mr. Rudolph d' Hensence, his assistant, will give prompt attention to all matters of business at Victoria. Architectural plans, Machine Drafting and specifications prepared. The erection of Buildings, Mills, Wharves, Bridges, etc., superintended. Town Lots and Farming Lands surveyed, selected and purchased either in Vancouver Island, at Queenborough, or any other part of British Columbia. Plans and reports setting forth the quantity, quality of soil, location and other necessary information furnished on application. Communications to be addressed to D. G. F. MACDONALD, C. E., Queenborough, or at his Chambers with Messrs. Wight and Copland, Barristers and Conveyancers, Victoria, where plans will be open for inspection.
Victoria, V. I., 6th April, 1859. ap9ml

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CAMPHENE,
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VARNISHES,
BRUSHES,
NITRIC ACID,
QUICKSILVER,
IRON RETORTS
AND

CRUCIBLES,
GARDEN SEEDS,

Fruit,
Flower
and
Field Seeds.

ALSO,
A Select Stock of
FAMILY MEDICINES,
AND
Fancy Goods,

Which they will sell at the
LOWEST PRICES.

Window Glass
CUT TO ALL SIZES.

Orders from the Country will be filled on the most favorable terms, and at the

LOWEST CASH PRICES.
CURTIS AND MOORE,
ap12lf Yates Street, Victoria, V. I.

BEEF 7 CTS. PER POUND.

150 TIERCES, EACH 320 LBS. NETT, FINE CORNED BEEF, for sale in lots to suit purchasers. Apply to H. HOLBROOK, Hotel de France, or at the Wharf of J. T. Little, Wharf street. ap2ml

TO RENT.

A LOFTY ROOM, 20 BY 40 FEET, over the wholesale liquor store of Thomas Patrick and Co., Johnson street, second door from Government. Victoria, 18th April, 1859.

BOOKS
AND
STATIONERY.
BY LATE ARRIVALS.

A large and full assortment of
Everything in the Line,
Comprising BOOKS upon all subjects, and STATIONERY in all its branches.

At Wholesale and Retail.
by HIBBEN & CO.
mar12 Yates street, Victoria, V. I.

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ADDITIONAL MEN

Can be accommodated with Board and Lodgings at the

UNION HOTEL,

Government Street, VICTORIA, V. I.
Which house is now conducted on the same principle as the

WHAT CHEERHOUSE,

Of San Francisco.

The table which speaks for itself will be supplied with every delicacy.

BOARD PER DAY, \$1 00
New Beds, Pulu Mattresses, single and double rooms, at \$1 00 and \$2 00 per week.

The NEW WING to the above House has been most tastefully fitted up with

WASH AND BATH ROOM.

Also, a select private

READING ROOM,

With a Library of choice books, Atlantic, European and California newspapers.

J. DUCIE CUSHEON,
ap9ml Agent.

MACDONALD AND CO.
OFFICE ON YATES STREET.

SELL CHEMICALS AT SIGHT ON TALLANT & WILDE, Bankers, San Francisco. Furnish Bills of Exchange in sums to suit, and at current rates on New York and London. Pay highest prices for Gold Dust. Make advances on Gold Dust for Assay or Coinage in San Francisco. Purchase Navy Bills and Bills on London.

FOR SALE.

An Invoice of Saddlery, received per ship Guadalete from London—consisting of superior stitched and quilted hogskin saddles, bridles, riding whips, harness, collars, trace chains, etc.

Pistol holsters, with surcingles and patent leather founcers.

— ALSO —
75 1-16ths "Marrett Freres" Cognac, and Old Tom. Retorts, magnets, gold dust bags, etc. ml12

ROBERT C. JANION,
COMMISSION MERCHANT,

JOHNSON STREET, OPPOSITE WHARF STREET,
VICTORIA, V. I.
and at
Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, and Cable Street, Liverpool. mar5

SAWYER WANTED.

Wanted immediately, a competent Sawyer, one thoroughly acquainted with using the circular saw. Apply at the British Colonist office, or to

THOS. DONAHUE,
April 15. Queensborough.

WHEELER & CO.,
Yates street, opposite the Express Offices,
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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN
BOOTS,
SHOES,
LEATHER, and FINDINGS,
Of every description.

Also—LADIES' SHOES, of all kinds. Boots and Shoes made to order, and Repairing done at the shortest notice. d11

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VICTORIA BREWERY
AND LAGER BEER.

AGENCY ON YATES STREET, BETWEEN WHARF AND GOVERNMENT.

A LARGE STOCK constantly on hand. Orders filled for Queenborough, and every other town on Fraser River.

Beer delivered in any part of the Town of Victoria free of charge.
J. D. CARROLL, Sole Agent.
March 10th. 63

JUST RECEIVED AND FOR SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED, on Johnson street, opposite Wharf street, the cargo of the "Augenette" from Sandich Island, consisting in part as follows:

S. I. Sugar, various qualities,
S. I. Coffee, extra quality;
Syrrups and Molasses,
Pulu, a very superior article for bedding,
Sweet Potatoes, Beans,
Pork, Pickled Tongues, etc., etc.

R. G. JANION.
March 11, 1859. ml12

JEFFRIES AND BANKS,
NEXT TO WELLS, FARGO AND CO., YATES STREET, VICTORIA.

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in
PAINTS, OIL, VARNISHES,
TURPENTINE, BRUSHES,
WINDOW GLASS AND PAPER HANGINGS.

House, Sign, Ship and Ornamental
PAINTERS.

Orders from the country thankfully received, and promptly attended to. mar5

HENRY C. WILSON,
LUMBER MERCHANT,

Wharf St., Victoria, V. I.
Cargoes of Masts, Spars and Lumber fitted to order. fl9-1m

L. P. FOSTER—
50,000 feet 4 inch Boards,
75,000 T and G Flooring,
25,000 Rough Weather Boarding,
50,500 Laths,
90,000 Cedar Shingles.

63 Doors, assorted sizes.
440 Windows, assorted sizes.
f26-1m 45 Pair Window Blinds.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

THE undersigned at the old stand, Government street, between Yates and Johnson streets, tenders his thanks to his numerous customers for the liberal share of patronage extended to him in his business, and takes this opportunity to assure them that nothing shall be wanting on his part to insure a continuance of their favors. He has just added to his already large stock of Ironmongery, Stoves, Tin and sheet iron, Glass and crockery ware, and proposes to offer to the public every article in his line of business at a small advance on first cost.

Purchasers desiring anything connected with the above business, are invited to try his establishment, which he flatters himself will compare favorably with any other on the Pacific coast. MARTIN PRAG, Victoria, V. I., and 43 Clay st., San Francisco. j26

YATES STREET SHOP HOUSE
AND
BAKERY.

YATES STREET, OPPOSITE APOTHECARIES HALL.

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J. F. CROWLEY,
Johnson st., nearly opposite Waddington st.,
Dealer in

Bar and Sheet Iron;
Blacksmith's Tools;
Agricultural, Farming Implements
and Hardware generally.

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FOR SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED—
Bacon, Pork, Lard, Butter,
Crushed and China Sugars,
Green and Black Teas,
Java and Rio Coffee,
Candles, Twine, etc., etc.

A. R. GREEN & CO.
Commission Merchants,
mar12 Johnson street, fronting Wharf st.

ANECDOTE OF THE BRITISH QUEEN.—It is reported that her Majesty has a sweet little temper of her own, and that her CARA SPOSA, like a prudent man, generally retires before the storm, and locks himself in his private cabinet until the sky is clear and sunshine again illumines the classic shades of St. James or Windsor. After one of these little ebullitions, the Queen gave a thundering knock at the door of the room where Prince Albert had taken refuge, and upon being asked, "Who's there?" responded, "the Queen!" "The Queen cannot enter here," responded the ben-pecked. After the lapse of an hour, a gentle tap was heard upon the door. "Who's there," asked Prince Albert. "Your wife," answered Victoria. "My wife is always welcome," was the gallant reply.

SUCH A FOOL.—We once listening to an eloquent divine, who, in the course of his sermon, was comparing the state of the unconverted sinner to that of a man in a boat, away from land, and only one oar. He was suddenly brought up by a severe round turn by an old sailor, who jumped up and asked—"Couldn't the d—d lubber skull?"

A country editor, speaking of a member of the New York Assembly, says: "The first year he was so conscientious as to utterly refuse his allotment of stealings, in the shape of books and stationery. The next year he did not hesitate, but came home unable to tell the truth under the most favorable circumstances."

RAFFLE EXTRAORDINARY.—The following advertisement appears in one of the Calcutta (India) papers: "Be it known that six fair, pretty young ladies with two sweet and engaging children, lately imported from Europe, having the roses of health on their cheeks, and joy sparkling in their eyes, possessing amiable manners, and highly accomplished, are to be raffled for next door to the British Gallery. Scheme, twelve tickets at twelve rupees each."

WHEN dunces call us fools, without proving us to be so, our best retort is to prove them to be fools without condescending to call them so.

If thy friend hath been true to thee in money matters, thou mayst trust him in other important matters.

"Jones have you paid that tailor's bill?" "No, sir, I never encourage vice or its consequences. If our first parents had not sinned, people would never have created tailors from courtesy. I repudiate them upon principle."

"THE only victory that costs no tears," said Napoleon, "is that over ignorance."

SIR PHILIP SIDNEY says, "I am no herald to inquire of men's pedigrees; it suffices me to know their virtues." Sir Phillip was one of the few wise men of the world, and a true Christian.

THE AGE is becoming more refined. "Root hog or die" is now rendered as follows:

"Penetrate the sub-soil my porcine friend, or expect an obituary notice on your untimely end."

If you want an ignoramus to respect you "dress to death," and wear watch-skins about the size of a brick-bat.

A young man in New York, having advertised for a wife, received word from eighteen married men that he might have theirs.

N. MOORE AND CO.
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
DEALERS IN
HOSIERY, GLOVES,
AND GENTS FURNISHING GOODS.
HAVING opened our new store for the sale of these goods in all their variety, we would respectfully call public attention to our stock, in which will be found a full assortment of the justly celebrated DAVIS, JONES AND CO'S

PATENT SHIRTS,
The Genuine Alexandre
KID GLOVES,
In all sizes for Ladies and Gents.
WOOLLEN, COTTON AND MERINO
HOSIERY
For Ladies and Children.
Gents Merino, silk and Cotton
UNDERSHIRTS AND DRAWERS
Also, a very excellent article of heavy
SAXONY SHIRTS AND DRAWERS,
of all desirable sizes.

OVERSHIRTS,
Linen, Cambrie and Silk Handkerchiefs,
Cravats and Ties,
all hemmed and ready for use.
BOOTS AND SHOES,
Hats and Caps,
Suspenders, Belts,
Socks, Comforters, etc.

It is our intention to keep the assortment of these Goods as complete as possible, and in such quantities as to accommodate the
Wholesale as well as the Retail Trade,
and to sell them at reasonable prices for CASH.

N. MOORE AND CO.
Yates street, opposite Gov. reserve.
Victoria, Feb. 18, 1859.
OFFICES TO LET ON THE FLOOR OVER THE STORE.

PORTER, ALE, WINES, WHISKEY,
ETC.
J. D. CARROL,
YATES STREET, VICTORIA.

KEEPS constantly on hand every variety of the choicest Ale, Porter, Wine, Whiskey, Brandy, etc., with a full supply of
GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.
HOT WHISKEY PUNCHES, of the best quality, always ready to order, and a comfortable room to sit down in and enjoy it.

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NATHAN POINTER
IMPORTER AND DEALER IN MESSRS. DAVIS AND JONES, PATENT
SHIRTS
Of New York,
AND L. ATKINSON'S IMPROVED SHOULDER
SEAM PATERN
SHIRTS,
Of Philadelphia,

Just received, 75 doz. ladies and gents pure Baltic Stockings and Hose, white and colored Marcellis Shirts, Derby and Saxony Wool Shirts and Drawers, also a fine lot of Baltic Shirts,
ON YATES STREET,
OPPOSITE THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE,
VICTORIA, V. I.,

Is now prepared to offer the largest and best assortment of
GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING
GOOD,

Ever exhibited in Victoria, comprising all the latest styles of the celebrated Davis and Jones' superfine Patent
WHITE AND COLORED SHIRTS.
Is receiving by every steamer those beautiful Byron shirts, of all sizes, running from 19 to 20 inches around the neck.
Ladies and Gentlemen's Kid Gloves.
WE STUDY TO PLEASE.

Business hours from 6 A. M. till 10 1-2 P. M. 122
GEO. T. SEYMOUR, OTIS S. PIERCE,
Victoria. San Francisco.
PIERCE & SEYMOUR,
North-west corner of Yates and Douglas streets.
VICTORIA.

FURNITURE
DEALER, AND
BEDDING MANUFACTURERS.

ARE now in regular receipt of assorted Furniture of a substantial quality, which they offer at reasonable rates, in part consisting of
BEDSTEADS, all sizes; Bureaus, plain and scroll front; Tables, assorted sizes; Chairs, cane and wood seat, and office chairs; Rockers, cane seat and back; Looking Glasses; Cots; and other articles of immediate necessity.

Mr. Pierce—recently of J. and O. S. Pierce, San Francisco—now residing here, will give his attention to the filling of special orders for any style of Furniture, thereby saving time, trouble and expense, to parties here.

PULU! PULU!
Of this popular material for bedding we have an ample stock on hand, which we offer either by the bale or in bedding, at steady prices. It is universally conceded to be equal to feathers, and better than curled hair for this climate, at half the price of either. Our arrangements with the sole importer of it for California, are such that we are enabled to sell lower than it can be had elsewhere. Straw Mattresses—wholesale and retail; Curled hair do., made to order. j15

VANCOUVER'S ISLAND.—FOR SALE.

A FARM OF 385 ACRES OF THE RICHEST description of arable land, near the mouth of the important Harbour of Esquimalt. About 60 acres have been broken and fenced in. A commodious residence, excellent barn, and other outhouses. For a stock farm it is second to none in the country.

It is situated on the coast facing the Olympian range on the opposite shores of the Straits de Fuca, with a road running thro the estate, possesses a good boat harbour, valuable Oak and Pine timber, a running stream and a large water power or Mill privilege with from 30 to 40 feet fall.

To any one wishing to invest in real estate this is a rare opportunity, which with the present golden prospects of this rich country is not likely to recur; immediate possession can be had, with a clear and direct title from the Colonial Government.

FOR SALE.—Also, 20 Acres of rich bottom land, well watered and finely timbered, in the Salt Lake, one mile outside Esquimalt Harbour.

The above will be sold at Auction entire, or in lots to suit purchasers at Victoria, V. I., on the 28TH DAY OF APRIL, 1859, unless previously disposed of by private contract. Apply to Mr. JAMES COOPER, Esquimalt.

Or to
H. P. P. CREASE, Esq.
Barrister at Law, Victoria, V. I.
SELIM FRANKLIN & Co., Auctioneers and Land Agents.

TEXAS STORE
COMMISSION HOUSE.
Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps and Hosiery.

HAVING opened a store for the sale of Goods entirely on Commission, the undersigned respectfully solicits consignments in his line of business. He promises strict attention to the interests of his consignees. Remnants of stock received and disposed of to advantage.
HENRY M. COIN.
Yates street.

GOLD PENS AND FINE CUTLERY, at
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Importers and Wholesale Dealers
—IN—
DRUGS AND MEDICINES,
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LANGLEY BROS., Wholesale and retail Druggists, and dealers in Paints, Oils, and Fishing Tackle; in connection with C. and A. J. Langley, San Francisco. Orders from the interior executed promptly, at a slight advance on San Francisco prices. A large assortment of genuine Patent Medicines always on hand. Yates street, 3 doors above Wells, Fargando & Co's office. 112

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.
PER LATE ARRIVALS.
100 BBL'S. GOLDEN CATE FLOUR
10,000 lbs. Bacon,
3,000 lbs. Rio Coffee,
50 Firk. extra Butter, double packages.

400 alf bbl s. Pork.
50 Quarter bbls. Pork.
50 chests Black and Green Tea.
20 barrels Billings'ams.
200 doz. Piper and Fields Oysters.

Ne x Orleans Sugar, Candles, Soda and Sugar Crackers, Pickles In Kegs, Syrups, Vinegar, Codfish, Mackerel, Spices, Sweet Oil, Rope, etc., etc. For sale, wholesale and retail, 10 per cent lower than any other House in to n. J. C. GEORGE AND CO.

Wharf street, near the Royal Hotel, Victoria, Feb. 5. feb5m1

PIONEER LINE FOR VICTORIA.
DEWAR & GEHRICK.
San Francisco—proprietors of the Pioneer line of vessels for Victoria and Fraser River, will continue regularly to dispatch A. 1. vessels for Victoria and Fraser River, and will take freight at the lowest rates. Orders to purchase goods to be shipped on vessels in our line can be sent through our agent

A. KANDLER,
Victoria. No commission will be charged to such purchasers.

Shippers of goods will find it to their advantage to give us early notice of any orders for goods sent, as we will thereby be enabled to fill up smaller vessels without delay.
JOHN DEWAR,
O. F. GEHRICK,
San Francisco. j15m6

COLONIAL RESTAURANT.
(Formerly the Commercial.)
Nearly opposite the Post Office, East side of Government street, VICTORIA.

THE Colonial Restaurant is now open; also a Private Saloon.
Feb. 5 1859. feb5 1559.

PROVISIONS.

JUST RECEIVED per D. M. Hall, steamers Pacific and Northern:
Oregon City Mills Flour;
Self-Rising Flour; Robinson's Bacon;
Extra Clear Pork in bbls. and half bbls.
Sugar Cured Hams; Byos Beans;
Preston and Merrill's Yeast Powders;
Crushed and Powdered Sugar, etc.; Rio Coffee.
For Sale by
GOODWIN AND CO.
112 Wharf street, Victoria.

FLOUR.
OREGON CITY MILLS EXTRA,
GOODWIN & CO.,
WHARF STREET, VICTORIA.

HAVE completed arrangements for a regular supply of the above celebrated brand of Flour, to which they invite the attention of the TRADE. 112

T. PHELAN,
CORNER of Yates and Government streets, offers for sale
Barrels and half barrels Extra Clear Pork; 50 lb. sacks Chile Beans; Quarter sacks Olympia Flour; Billings' sugar cured Hams; Half barrels New Orleans Sugar; Extra Clear Bacon; Rio Coffee; Barrels and half barrels Sandwich Island Molasses and syrup; Half barrels Boston Crushed sugar; Black and Green Teas; and a general assortment of Crochery and Glass ware. jan22

WANTED.
TWO Teachers for the Colonial Boys' Schools—one at Victoria, and another at Craig Flower. For information apply to the Rev. E. CRIDGE, at the Parsonage, to whom testimonials and references as to character and qualifications, are to be addressed. Victoria, March 25th, 1859.

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